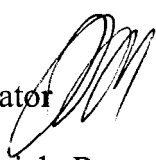


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 2005 (BOS Mtg. 9/20/05)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Parking Restrictions for Large Commercial, Recreational and Passenger-Carrying Vehicles – Willow Lakes

The parking restrictions for large commercial, recreational and passenger-carrying vehicles in certain designated areas of the County (Section 15-48, York County Code) have been in effect for several years and they appear to be providing the intended benefits to residents of these areas. Recognizing those potential benefits, the Willow Lakes Homeowners Association has requested that the streets in that community be included under the provisions of Section 15-48. Willow Lakes is a community of single-family detached and duplex homes located on the north side of Wolfrap Road, just east of Route 17.

As the Board will recall, the restrictions prohibit the parking of any of the following types of vehicles on the public streets within the designated community:

Commercial Vehicles

- Greater than 10,000 lbs. gross weight, or
- Greater than 21 feet in length.
- Any HazMat vehicle
- Heavy construction equipment
- Tractor truck, trailer, dump truck, concrete mixer, towing vehicle, beverage/food truck or trailer

Passenger Carrying Vehicles

- 16 passengers or more, or
- Licensed as a common or contract carrier, or
- Licensed as a limousine

Recreational Vehicles

- Gross weight greater than 10,000 lbs., or
- Greater than 21 feet in length.

It is important to note that these restrictions apply only to public streets that have been accepted into the VDOT Secondary System. In the case of Willow Lakes, some of the street segments are still being processed for acceptance by VDOT. Since acceptance is imminent, the attached proposed ordinance has been prepared to indicate that all streets within Willow Lakes are to be included upon their official acceptance into the Secondary Street System. It is also important to note that the restrictions do not apply to private property; instead, there are already provisions in place in the Zoning Ordinance accessory use regulations that describe the locations where recreational vehicles can be parked on

residential lots (*only on driveways in front; in side or rear yards if not on driveway*).

I believe that the streets in Willow Lakes are appropriate candidates for inclusion in the list of areas subject to the large vehicle parking restrictions. The streets are clearly residential in character and are not suited for large vehicle parking. The density of development, lot width, and street frontage characteristics are such that large vehicle parking along the public streets could create safety hazards and negatively impact the character of the neighborhoods. Given that the request has been made by and on behalf of the homeowners association, I recommend that the Board approve the parking restrictions as requested.

I recommend adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 05-25.

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Attachments: Letter from Willow Lakes HOA
 Vicinity map
 Proposed Ordinance No. 05-25

Copy to: Mr. Jim Brewer, Williamsburg Residency Administrator (VDOT)